



**PIERLUISI NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE
Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security
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WASHINGTON, DC- The president of the Committee on the Judiciary of the U.S. House of Representatives, John Conyers, announced the appointment of Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi as vice president of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security.

The Committee on the Judiciary is divided into five subcommittees. Pierluisi is the only freshman congressman to vice-precede one of the subcommittees. He is also the only Democratic congressman who has been Secretary of Justice and is part of the committee.

"I am flattered by the appointment that the President of the Commission has extended to me. For my background as Secretary of Justice, the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security is one that interests/captivates me. I will use this position to meet the commands of Chairman Conyers, always having in mind the priorities of Puerto Rico," the Resident Commissioner said.

The Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security has jurisdiction over the Federal Criminal Code, law and order agencies, measures to combat drug trafficking, as well as legal/judiciary issues and homeland security.

"We all know the impact that crime is having in Puerto Rico and its connection with drug trafficking. From the Subcommittee I will ensure that the Island is included in the anticrime initiatives/efforts of the rest of the nation," Pierluisi said.

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